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POEMS

THE RAGPICKER

The Ragpicker sits and sorts her rags:
  Silk and homespun and threads of gold
She plucks to pieces and marks with tags;
  And her eyes are ice and her fingers cold.

The Ragpicker sits in the back of my brain;
  Keenly she looks me through and through.
One flaming shred I have hidden away—
  She shall not have my love for you.

THE BECKONING MOON

I went to the hills for courage,
  But the hills have made me weak;
I went to the hills for high resolves
  And the wisest words to speak.

There were bonfires down in the valley,
  And a beckoning moon in a tree;
So I sped a flame-winged messenger
  To call you back to me.

THE CITY LIGHTS FROM A SKYSCRAPER

From my high window at the fall of night,
I see the low-hung firmament of light: